(b) D.O.T, has set up a Committee to discuss the issue with Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board.

(c) Yes, Sir. It will be on indigenous basis.

(d) Sources will be indigenous only.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) No comments in view of (e) above.

Improvement of Communication Services in Gujarat

2642. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to improve the Telephone, Post and Telegraph services in Gujarat State;

(b) whether the revenue earned by Government from the State Government during 1992-93 and 1993-94 so far has been higher in comparison to other States;

(c) if so, how much amount was spent on these services during the above period in the State;

(d) to what extent the posts telegraph and telephone services will be improved during 1994-95;

(e) whether all the villages will be provided all the three services; and

(f) if so, by when, and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No record is maintained of revenue and expenditure in respect of services given to scores of departments and organisations of State Government.

(d) Measures proposed are given below:

Telegraph Services

It is proposed to commission the following equipments:

1. Electronic Key Board 10 Concentrators
2. Electronic Key Boards 80
3. Teleprinter Concentrators 04
4. Formatted Terminals 64
5. SFMSS-128 at Ahmedabad (SFMSS-64 working at present will be upgraded)
6. SFMS-32 at Rajkot.

Telephone Services

The following measures are proposed:

1. All MAX-III and some of the life expired MAX-II & MAX-I Exchanges totalling 35200 lines are proposed to be replaced by electronic exchanges.
2. Addition of 2,38,200 lines in net equipped capacity.
3. Provision of 1,50,000 new telephone connections.
4. Extension of STD service to 200 more stations. AU the taluk headquarters without STD are proposed to be provided with STD during 1994-95.
5. Telephone service will be provided to remaining 4346 gram panchayat villages. With this all the 13421 gram panchayat villages will be provided with telephone facility.

(e) and (f) As on 31.3.94, 9075 gram panchayat villages out of a total of 13421 have been provided with telephone facility. Remaining 4346 gram panchayat villages are planned to be provided with telephone facility during 1994-95. All the remaining villages in Gujarat are likely to be provided with telephone facility by the end of Eighth Plan.

Postal

(a) Measures to improve postal facilities in Gujarat are being regularly taken in terms of expanding the existing postal network, providing more departmental buildings, upgrading the

technology of equipments used in post and mail offices, provision of speedier delivery of mails through the Speed Post network, etc. The following improvements have been made during the year 1993-94.

15 post offices were opened, 14 post office buildings were constructed in the State. 10 staff quarters were constructed. Apart from the above, 141 P.C based computer machines are being installed in the State.

Rajdhani Channel, Metro Channel, Green Channel and Business Channel have been introduced for faster mail flow. One foreign post counter has been opened in Surat.

(b) and (c) In 1992-93 and 1993-94. the Circile earned revenue of Rs. 66.51 crores and Rs. 65.33 crores respectively. The amount incurred in running the service during the same period comes to Rs. 100.32 crores and Rs. 108.29 crores respectively. However no seperate details of revenue and expenditure with regard to provision of the postal services to the State Government are maintained.

While the postal revenue in the state of Gujarat for the year 92-93 and 93-94 is higher than some of other States, no real comparison can be made because the revenue depends on the area of the State, its population, the state of industrial and agricultural development, the nature of postal business in that area.

(d) Government has decided to set up during 1994-95 new post offices, subject to fulfilment of prescribed norms as per the details given below:—

Branch Post offices	Total Departmental sub offices
Tribal Areas—1 Other Areas—3	Tribal Areas—3 Other Areas—7

(e) and (f) All villages, with or without post office, are provided with delivery of mail through the nearest post office. Post Offices are opened in rural areas as per norms, subject to availability of resources and Plan Targets. The norms are as follows:—

	Normal area	Hilly, tribal desert and inaccessible areas
Population	3000	1000
Distance from the nearest post office	3 Kms.	3 Kms.
Income to cost.	33-1./3%	15%

उत्तर प्रदेश के औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में दूरसंचार सुविधाएं

2643. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:**
श्री ईश्वर दास चावला:

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य सरकार से राज्य के औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में दूरसंचार सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव हुआ है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की है?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम): (क) जी हां। उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों के रूप में सूचित किए गए 99 नगरों में दूरसंचार सुविधाएं उपलब्ध करायी जानी हैं।

(ख) विस्तृत जानकारी अनुबंध में दी गई है। [देखिए परिशिष्ट 171, अनुपत्र संख्या 45]

(ग) दूरसंचार विभाग ने उ० प्र० राज्य सरकार द्वारा बताये गये 99 स्थानों में से 93 स्थानों पर दूरसंचार सेवाएं उपलब्ध करा दी हैं। विस्तृत जानकारी अनुबंध में दी गई है। [देखिए परिशिष्ट 171, अनुपत्र संख्या 45]

शेष 6 औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों को आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान दूरसंचार सुविधाएं उपलब्ध करा दी जायेंगी। विस्तृत जानकारी विवरण में दी गई है।

[देखिए अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 2643 (ख) और (ग), जिसका उत्तर दिनांक 16 अगस्त, 1994 को दिया गया।]